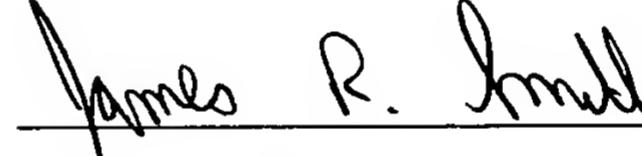


The Examiner states that the aforementioned inventions are distinct, each from the other, because the product could be made by another and materially different process. In the present case, the Examiner stated that the product could be made without determining the effects of the weldment. Responsive thereto, applicants have, as previously mentioned, elected claims 1-35, embodied by Invention I, for examination.

SUMMARY

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Examiner is requested to examine claims 1-35 in the present application. If there are any matters that can be clarified or resolved through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

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